



## FAQ: Clark County Transfer Station

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**Please Note:** This document is to be used to answer any questions you may have regarding the new Clark County Transfer Station that is being constructed in Bethel Township. For more information, please contact Rumpke at **1-800-828-8171 x2637** or [rumpke.com](http://rumpke.com)

### **What type of trash will be handled at the facility?**

The facility will accept municipal solid waste and recyclable materials from residents and businesses. These materials may be delivered to the facility in commercial collection vehicles (garbage trucks) or in smaller quantities in smaller personal vehicles. Third-party waste and recycling haulers and direct haul customers, as well as municipal crews, and institutions performing their own collection may also bring materials to the facility. Hazardous waste is not permitted at the facility.

### **How are you going to control odors at the site?**

The operation is designed to control odors. Trash is dumped into our enclosed building. The building is emptied throughout the day and trash is hauled immediately to regional landfills for disposal. Waste will not be stored at the facility for more than 24 hours. It is to our benefit to move the trash out of the facility as quickly as possible to maximize productivity and minimize costs. In addition, the building will be closed outside of hours of operation.

### **How will Rumpke address noise associated with the site?**

Noise levels outside of the depot will be minimized since collection vehicle unloading and transfer trailer loading will be conducted within the confines of the building.

All on-site equipment will be equipped with mufflers and the lowest decibel backup alarms allowable. Rumpke will also utilize other sound-suppressing devices, as required, for compliance with applicable local and state statutes and regulations.

### **Why did you pick this location?**

We are addressing a need within the County. We are working with the county to address the illegal dumping by providing convenient and accessible disposal. We are supporting the solid waste management district's plan by increasing recycling options and bringing new jobs and local spending into the County's economy. This will assist residents with their own cleanup efforts as well as increase efficiencies for our trucks. Additionally, this location is properly zoned light industrial. Its proximity to major roadways was appealing.

### **How much does it cost/what is the process for a resident to drop off material?**

We are still working on establishing rates. The process for the general public to drop off material is easy. For general recycling, they will enter the site and head straight to the community drop box. For trash, residents will enter the scales, record weight and pay prior to traveling to the rear of the building. The heavy equipment operator will then direct the resident on where to back up and unload material. Once material is unloaded, the resident will then travel back over the scales before exiting the site.

### **How much trash/number of trucks are expected at the site? Will the trucks be diesel or CNG?**

This site is designed to take up to 200-500 tons per day. We are mindful of traffic at our sites, and the safety of our team members and the motoring public is always a top concern. Our hauling operation will be a small fleet that shouldn't have a big impact on traffic to local roadways. Additional traffic through the site should be spaced out throughout the day. Upon initial opening we expect approximately 50 trucks per day. At maximum capacity, the facility could reach about 165 trucks per day. CNG trucks will always be considered as we progress and develop this site.

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We have commissioned a traffic study with the Ohio Department of Transportation to verify turning lane and/or traffic signal needs. Trucks will mainly travel to and from the I-70 interchange. It is to our advantage to ensure safe, easy and efficient traffic flow for our vehicles and fellow motorists. The last thing we wish to do is cause any disruption, so we will make every effort to employ whatever updates are necessary to provide motorists with easy travel.

**How are you protecting the surrounding environment/creek?**

Our job is to protect human health and the environment from society's waste. We operate all of our facilities in strict compliance with local, state and federal regulations. The site is designed so all waste activity occurs inside. The material is then transported from the site to one of our regional landfills for disposal. Transfer stations are regulated and inspected by the health department as well as the Ohio and US EPA. All compliance records are available to the public at anytime.

**How do you keep material from coming out of trucks leaving the site?**

Our trailers feature a tarp to help contain material. We will employ laborers at the site to address any windblown litter. We also have street sweeping capabilities and will work to ensure that our operations do not leave the property line.

**What happens to wastewater generated at the site?**

Wastewater will be disposed of through the sewer system.

**What are the hours of operation?**

The site is open to the public Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. – 4 or 5 p.m. Potential to be open on Saturdays until noon. Employees will start arriving prior to customer hours and will leave after customer hours to clear the tipping floor and clean the facility prior to closing for the day. The facility will typically be closed on Sundays and select holidays.

**Road damage/impact?**

One of the reasons we selected this site was because of the roads and their ability to handle commercial truck traffic. Rumpke will abide by ODOT recommendations and requirements to ensure the best experience for travelers passing by, coming to or coming from our facility.

**Do you go above the minimum requirement?**

Rumpke always believes in doing the right thing. We are held to standards by local, state and federal agencies; however, we have internal policies that are often more stringent than the regulations.

**How will you protect trucks leaking garbage juice near the creek?**

We will have to have to obtain and adhere to a general stormwater NPDES (Natural Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit that requires strict plans to best manage stormwater runoff at the site to protect the local environment. Proactively our vehicles are put through pre-trip and post-trip inspection and records are kept to ensure that deficiencies are managed.

**Are you going to annex the property to Huber Heights?**

This is not an issue that Rumpke is involved in. We have no connection to the annexation process, and we do not have plans to annex the property.

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**We don't want this in our backyards, and it's going to smell. How are you going to handle that?**

Transfer stations are very regulated at both a local and state level to ensure protection of human health and the environment.

Today's transfer stations are enclosed structures where the activity takes place inside an enclosed structure to reduce noise, odor, wind-blown litter and other vectors. Regular cleaning occurs daily throughout operation.

This facility is an enclosed transfer station, not allowing the material to be outside of the covered area. Upon arrival, material is unloaded into the transfer station and then quickly reloaded into a tractor trailer. The tractor trailer then transports the material to a regional Rumpke landfill. The tipping floor for each truck unloading material faces away from the road as not to be visible to drivers passing.

We hope to improve the overall aesthetic of the area with permitted signage and landscape buffers.

**How will we as the residents be impacted by the traffic in that area? How many trucks will be there each day?**

Traffic will increase on 235 due to the transfer station. Rumpke anticipates housing 20-30 collection trucks at the facility. Approximately 10-15 tractor trailers will be entering and exiting the facility each day. Rumpke is working with ODOT to maintain safe roadways for the community. A thorough traffic study is underway. Rumpke will work with ODOT to construct any necessary lanes or install any necessary traffic signals. Our objective is to ensure safe and efficient traffic flow for our operation as well as the community.

**Are you taking away the soccer fields from our kids?**

The soccer fields behind the transfer station will not be used for this facility. We are currently exploring options to make choices that best meet community needs. We will evaluate the best long term options for the site as we continue with development.

**Are you going to have a traffic light installed at the entrance for trucks turning onto 235?**

This is a possibility as well as turning lanes. Right now, we are working with ODOT to create the best plan to ensure uninterrupted and efficient traffic flow. Rumpke wants this facility to be a benefit to the community. We do not want to hinder progress or add new difficulties to the traffic pattern in the area.

**What happens if there is a fire in the building?**

The fire suppression system meets all fire code standards. The facility has an intricate sprinkler system.

**Garbage creates dirt, dust and grime. How are you going to maintain the air quality so it doesn't smell?**

The air quality is monitored by the local health department as well as the Ohio EPA to ensure the facility and operation meet or exceed standards to protect human health and the environment.

**What outside storage will be at the site?**

There will not be outside storage at the site. All storage will be in an enclosed structure.

**How far away will this facility accept trash from?**

Typically, a transfer station accepts waste from a 40-50 mile radius. The majority of the material will come directly from Clark County communities.